

## § 20.102

(b) *Appellate jurisdiction of determinations of the Veterans Health Administration.* The Board's appellate jurisdiction extends to questions of eligibility for hospitalization, outpatient treatment, and nursing home and domiciliary care; for devices such as prostheses, canes, wheelchairs, back braces, orthopedic shoes, and similar appliances; and for other benefits administered by the Veterans Health Administration. Medical determinations, such as determinations of the need for and appropriateness of specific types of medical care and treatment for an individual, are not adjudicative matters and are beyond the Board's jurisdiction. Typical examples of these issues are whether a particular drug should be prescribed, whether a specific type of physiotherapy should be ordered, and similar judgmental treatment decisions with which an attending physician may be faced.

(c) *Appeals as to jurisdiction.* All claimants have the right to appeal a determination made by the agency of original jurisdiction that the Board does not have jurisdictional authority to review a particular case. Jurisdictional questions which a claimant may appeal, include, but are not limited to, questions relating to the timely filing and adequacy of the Notice of Disagreement and the Substantive Appeal.

(d) *Authority to determine jurisdiction.* The Board may address questions pertaining to its jurisdictional authority to review a particular case, including, but not limited to, determining whether Notices of Disagreement and Substantive Appeals are adequate and timely, at any stage in a proceeding before it, regardless of whether the agency of original jurisdiction addressed such question(s). When the Board, on its own initiative, raises a question as to a potential jurisdictional defect, all parties to the proceeding and their representative(s), if any, will be given notice of the potential jurisdictional defect(s) and granted a period of 60 days following the date on which such notice is mailed to present written argument and additional evidence relevant to jurisdiction and to request a hearing to present oral argument on the jurisdictional question(s). The date of mailing of the notice will be presumed to be

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the same as the date stamped on the letter of notification. The Board may dismiss any case over which it determines it does not have jurisdiction.

(e) *Application of 38 CFR 19.9 and 20.1304.* Section 19.9 of this chapter shall not apply to proceedings to determine the Board's own jurisdiction. However, the Board may remand a case to an agency of original jurisdiction in order to obtain assistance in securing evidence of jurisdictional facts. The time restrictions on requesting a hearing and submitting additional evidence in § 20.1304 of this part do not apply to a hearing requested, or evidence submitted, under paragraph (d) of this section.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 511(a), 7104, 7105, 7108)

[57 FR 4109, Feb. 3, 1992, as amended at 66 FR 53339, Oct. 22, 2001]

### § 20.102 Rule 102. Delegation of authority—Rules of Practice.

(a) The authority exercised by the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals described in Rules 717(d) and 1001(c) (§§ 20.717(d) and 20.1001(c) of this part) may also be exercised by the Vice Chairman of the Board and by Deputy Vice Chairmen of the Board.

(b) The authority exercised by the Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals described in Rules 2 and 606(d) (§§ 20.2, and 20.606(d) of this part), may also be exercised by the Vice Chairman of the Board; by Deputy Vice Chairmen of the Board; and, in connection with a proceeding or motion assigned to them by the Chairman, by a Member or Members of the Board.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 512(a), 7102, 7104)

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### §§ 20.103–20.199 [Reserved]

## Subpart C—Commencement and Perfection of Appeal

### § 20.200 Rule 200. What constitutes an appeal.

An appeal consists of a timely filed Notice of Disagreement in writing and, after a Statement of the Case has been